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FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM LANDE, NEA/INS

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SUBJECT: GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE AMBASSADOR

1. SEPTTEL EXPLAINS PRESIDENT'S DESIRE FOR THE PREPARATION
OF SPECIFIC GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR EACH U.S. AMBASSADOR.
FINAL DRAFTS OF THESE STATEMENTS ARE DUE ON AUG.
29 BUT I WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING YOUR REACTION TO THE
FOLLOWING INITIAL DRAFT WHICH WE HAVE PREPARED HERE. COULD
YOUR COMMENTS REACH US BY OUR OPENING OF BUSINESS FRIDAY,
AUGUST 26?

2. BEGIN QUOTE-
GOALS AND TASKS FOR THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO SRI
LANKA:

SUSTAIN AND CONSOLIDATE GOOD BILATERAL RELATIONS

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-- DEVELOP A LOW-PROFILE BUT EFFECTIVE WORKING RELATION-
SHIP WITH PRIME MINISTER JAYEWARDENE AND MEMBERS OF HIS
GOVERNMENT.

-- MAINTAIN CONTACTS AND GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE ENTIRE
SPECTRUM OF ESTABLISHED POLITICAL PARTIES IN SRI LANKA,
WITH SPECIAL FOCUS ON THE SRI LANKA FREEDOM PARTY AND FORMER

PRIME MINISTER BANDARANAIKE, AS WELL AS THE PRINCIPAL LEFT PARTIES.

-- FACILITATE AND PROMOTE CONGRESSIONAL VISITS TO DEMONSTRATE U.S. SUPPORT FOR THIRD WORLD DEMOCRACIES.

-- FACILITATE U.S. BUSINESS COMMUNITY AWARENESS OF INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN SRI LANKA AS THE FREE TRADE ZONES ARE INTRODUCED.

-- ENCOURAGE CONTINUED ACCESS OF U.S. NAVY SHIPS TO SRI LANKA AND THE PRESERVATION OF EXISTING VOA FACILITIES.

3. ENCOURAGE A MORE EFFECTIVE DOMESTIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

-- STRESS THE NEED FOR A REORGANIZATION OF THE PLANNING FUNCTION IN ORDER TO PROMOTE A MORE EFFECTIVE USE OF FOREIGN AID INPUTS.

-- STRESS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE INTRODUCTION OF PRODUCTION-ORIENTED ECONOMIC POLICIES AND THE PROSPECTS FOR INCREASED WESTERN BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL ASSISTANCE.

4. ENCOURAGE AN ACTIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT AND ON NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES
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-- ENCOURAGE THE JAYEWARDENE GOVERNMENT TO PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN SRI LANKA'S CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT.

-- ENCOURAGE THE JAYEWARDENE GOVERNMENT TO PERMIT SHIRLEY AMERASINGHE TO PLAY A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE FOLLOWING HIS DEPARTURE AS SRI LANKA'S UN PERM REP.

-- ENCOURAGE SRI LANKA TO SUPPORT U.S. INITIATIVES ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS BY DRAWING ON ITS OWN STRONG HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRATIC CREDENTIALS.

-- GENERATE SUPPORT BY THE NEW GOVERNMENT ON CERTAIN KEY ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO THE U.S. AS A MEANS OF RALLYING BROADER NON-ALIGNED SUPPORT (E.G. PANAMA CANAL, PUERTO RICO, ILO, ETC.).

5. GENERATE SUPPORT FOR U.S. INDIAN OCEAN POLICY

-- PROMOTE AN UNDERSTANDING OF U.S. NAVAL DEPLOYMENTS INTO

THE INDIAN OCEAN AND OF THE RATIONALE FOR OUR DIEGO GARCIA FACILITY.

-- ENCOURAGE JAYEWARDENE TO SPEAK OUT WHEN APPROPRIATE ON THE SOVIET PRESENCE AT BERBERA AND THE SOVIET NAVAL PRESENCE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN.

-- MAINTAIN SUPPORT FOR U.S. INITIATIVES IN THE U.S.-USSR TALKS ON MUTUAL MILITARY RESTRAINT IN THE INDIAN OCEAN.
END QUOTE.
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